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VR Insurance Holdings announces acquisition of National Security Group

The National Security Group Inc. (NASDAQ:NSEC), Elba, Ala., and VR Insurance Holdings Inc. ("VR Holdings"), San Francisco, Calif., announced Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, they have entered into a definitive merger agreement, under which VR Holdings has agreed to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of The National Security Group, Inc. (NSG) for \$16.35 per share in cash, representing a 77% premium to the closing share price as of January, 25, 2022.

VR Holdings is a newly formed Delaware company founded by Vivek Ranadivé. Ranadivé has been the founder and managing director of Bow Capital Management LLC and its affiliated funds

since 2016 and chairman, chief executive officer and governor of the Sacramento Kings [NBA basketball program] since 2013.

Total transaction value is approximately \$41.4 million, subject to certain provisions. The price per share is subject to downward adjustment if the combined statutory capital and surplus of NSG's insurance subsidiaries is less than \$43 million; VR Holdings can terminate the agreement if combined statutory capital and surplus falls below \$38.7 million. The insurance subsidiaries are expected to exceed the \$43 million threshold in their statutory financial statements as of December 31, 2021.

"We believe this transaction is in the best interest of NSG's shareholders



and policyholders," said William L. Brunson Jr., chief executive officer of NSG. "By combining our 75-year history of stability, underwriting expertise and commitment to our policyholders with the financial resources of the investor group led by Mr. Ranadivé, we expect to realize greater opportunities for growth and an enhanced ability to

serve our policyholders and agent partners."

Brunson also noted that shareholders will benefit

from the significant premium to recent share prices.

NSG's Board of Directors has unanimously

approved the transaction and recommended that shareholders vote in favor of the transaction. The agreement requires approval by holders of the majority of NSG's outstanding common shares.

The acquisition is expected to close by the end of the second quarter of 2022, subject to customary closing conditions, including receipt of certain required regulatory approvals and approval of NSG's

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Smithsonian Museum's "Water/Ways" exhibit opens Monday, Feb. 7, in downtown Elba at Elba Theatre

The Alabama Humanities Alliance has partnered with the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (moMS) program to bring the Water/Ways traveling exhibition to Elba, Ala.

Water/Ways dives deep into the role that water plays in the everyday lives of Alabamians. That includes how water "connects us to nature, sustains life as we know it nurtures our cities and our culture, unites or divides people and communities, and affects how we live, work, worship, create, and play.

This informative Smithsonian exhibit opens in Elba at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in downtown Elba, on Monday, Feb. 7th. It will be open each

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with free admission.

The exhibit will be in Elba through March 25th.

Also, Elba and the Alabama Humanities Alliance will host a SUPER Teacher Workshop - WATER-WISE: Exploring the History, Diversity and Value of Alabama's Waterways in conjunction with the exhibit on Friday, Feb. 11, at the Elba Public Library, also located in downtown Elba.

Participants of the workshop will explore how Alabama's waterways have shaped Alabama's history, learn to use Google

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SEMI TRUCK OVERTURNS & BURNS...The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, to the scene of this accident on Alabama Highway 189, north of Elba in the area of Mile Marker 23, where a semi-trailer truck overturned in a curve and erupted into flames. The accident was reported at approximately 7:50 a.m. Tuesday morning, and reportedly the driver was trapped inside the burning vehicle. Upon arrival on scene, emergency responders reportedly were able to remove the driver from the truck, and he was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. The section of Hwy 189 where the accident occurred was closed or blocked to one-lane traffic only for several hours on Tuesday as the wreckage was cleared. Elba Police and Coffee County Deputies also responded to the accident, which was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

Elba's Callie Pope named Bryant-Jordan Foundation Achievement Award winner for Class 2A, Region 2

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Bryant-Jordan Foundation Student Athlete Program consists of two main categories: the scholar-athlete awards and the achievement awards. This year, Elba High School is home of the Class 2A, Region 2 achievement award winner.

Elba High School senior Callie Pope is receiving this honor, according to Principal Wynn Grimes. Elba High School and Pope were notified this week.

The achievement award "recognizes student-athletes who have achieved a level of success commensurate with their ability or who may have overcome some unusual hardship. These students exemplify by their individual efforts the dedication and commitment required to be the best that they can be."

Grimes said the school is very excited for Pope to receive this honor.

"Callie is a great student, and she is a wonderful representative of Elba," he said. "She has always been very active in both her academics and athletics here, and we are very proud of all her accomplishments."

With a cumulative GPA [grade point average] of 100.508, Pope also is



Elba High School's
Callie Pope

very active in extra-curricular activities. Shas been a Senior Beta member since ninth grade and is currently president of the club; Student Government Association vice-president her junior year and currently serves as president; Interact Club members since seventh grade and co-president since 11th grade; Health Organization Students of America representative for her 11th and 12th grade years; Student Council vice president in the 10th grade; band member since 7th grade - section leader in 10th grade and band drum major her 11th and 12th grade years.

Pope lettered at the var-

sity level in both volleyball and softball. She also keeps active within the community as a member of the Elba Youth Leadership Program and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"My life has been short of normal," Pope said. "Although my family has been able to hold up, we have had financial and emotional hardships."

As a young girl, she faced many dental and sinus issues - wearing braces for four years, and in a span of less than 10 years going through seven different surgeries.

"For me, I was physically exhausted from having to undergo surgery after surgery, and my parents faced medical bill after medical bill," Pope said. "To add to that, my brother, Ethan, had an accident that burned his hand, which sent our family to Mobile with more medical bills."

The family faced even more emotional challenges over the years, some recently, that Pope said she now realizes taught her to appreciate the good and learn from the bad.

"Even if I have an extensive journey to continue, I am working to improve every day," she said.

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FIRE DESTROYS FIRE...The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 25, to a trailer fire at 563 County Road 501 in Elba (shown above). Upon arrival on scene, the firefighters found the trailer already to be fully engulfed, and the trailer a total loss. They worked to prevent any spread of the fire and to extinguish the ongoing blaze. The fire was reported at 4:43 p.m. that afternoon, and it was reported to be extinguished just after 6 p.m. No injuries were reported from this incident.

Elba High School baseball program set to host annual Old Timers vs. Rookies game this Saturday, Feb. 5th

The Elba High School baseball program kicks off the season each year in a unique and fun way, and this year will be no different as the annual Old-Timers vs Rookies Hit-A-Thon and Game event is set for Saturday, Feb. 5, at the baseball field on Elba High School's campus.

This is a family event for all ages, and anyone not in school can enter the Old Timers Hit-A-Thon. A fundraiser for the baseball program, there is an entry fee of \$25, and each participant is given 15 swings. Prizes will be awarded for longest hit and most hits.

Registration for the Old-Timers Hit-A-Thon begins at 9:30 a.m. with the event slated to start at 10 a.m.

There will be a lunch break at 12 noon, and rib-eye steak sandwich plates sold recently by members of

the baseball program will be available for pick-up. Pick-up plates will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Following lunch, the always entertaining Old-Timers vs. Rookies baseball game will begin at 1 p.m.

[Times are estimates and depend on the number of participants].

Make plans now to enjoy some baseball fun Saturday, Feb. 5, in Elba while also helping to support the Elba High Baseball program.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, Feb. 3, at 5:30 p.m., for the board's regular monthly meeting. This meeting will be at the board office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Ala.

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD will meet Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. The meetings are open to the public.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST THE ELBA'S GOT TALENT program Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. This talent show will showcase students in grades K-6 and allow students in grades 7-12 to compete - the audience gets to vote for their favorite acts. There will even be a "Teacher" category!

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The reason why we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may. Listen the more and talk the less". — Zeno of Citium

Roy Moore testified Monday that sexual abuse allegations against him four years ago are "purely political." Conversely, the lady on the other side of this equation stands by her charges. At this writing their counter claims court cases are ongoing. Now, we have no idea the facts on this issue, nor do many, if any, of our readers. However, many folks credit the sexual assault claims were largely responsible for Moore not winning a seat in the U. S. Senate several years ago. Someone must decide on the merits of her lawsuit or his lawsuit claiming, 'he isn't guilty.' That of course is now the group of twelve jurors hearing the testimony of family members and others who may or may not have any more of an idea of what is right than we do. We would be horrified if this woman who said she was assaulted as a young girl loses her case — unjustly. That would scare other females with the same story. However, Moore also needs to win if he has been, as he claims, unjustly charged, his political career destroyed, and his family torn and embarrassed over the charges. Yet those of us sitting on the sidelines will not know if the ultimate decision is correct or incorrect. That is a shame, but reality.

The Alabama legislature is considering a bill to allow state school funds to follow the student in private school or homeschooling. Our initial reaction was "Oh no!" Our gut feeling is this will greatly increase parents opting for homeschooling — just for the added money. There are no required standards for homeschooling and already we have personally seen cases where a teenager was 'homeschooled', parents both worked outside the home and child (per mother's comments) often slept until at least noon and watched lots of TV before going out with friends at night. This child was not ready to compete in today's world when she turned 18 and 'graduated'. Multiply that by thousands more parents whose lone additional interest would be the extra monthly check. The uneducated child who can't hold a decent job can always sign up for welfare and complain that the world is mistreating him or her. . . and later draw the same check for 'homeschooling' their children.

It has been cold in Alabama for the last several weeks. Tuesday morning was no different. However, we left home without our trusty gloves but didn't go back because it wasn't THAT cold (?). Then we jumped into the van minutes after getting to the office, responding to a vehicle accident feeling sorry for ourselves because of cold hands. That was, until just across the street we saw a lady at the gas pumps, wearing shorts and flip-flops! Suddenly we realized our discomfort was nothing to think about and if she could do that without being uncomfortable, we shouldn't complain one minute! Still . . . we don't advise shorts and flip flops in these early morning temperatures.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited to attend.

Meetings are held at Church on Boll Weevil Circle located at 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala. Call 334-894-6411 for more info.

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New hope for rural America in fight against COVID

Editorial by Alan Morgan
and John M. Bridgeland

It's 2022 and the COVID pandemic is still with us.

Pandemic fatigue is understandable at this point, but the loss of more than 824,000 Americans to date and the arrival of a new, more transmissible variant, should drive a renewed push to turn the tide.

We have the tools to do it. We know where our focus must be, but one area of great concern is rural America.

Rural communities are among the hardest hit with the latest wave of the pandemic still rolling across America. Omicron renews COVID's assault on the unvaccinated.

Last fall, the incidence rates of COVID-19 in rural America were roughly 54 percent higher than elsewhere in the country, according to the Rural Policy Research Institute. To date, if you live in a rural community, you are more than twice as likely to die from COVID than those in nonrural areas.

Analysis from The Daily Yonder showed that incident rates climbed nearly

50 percent in rural counties in the two weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday, a worrisome trend with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant now.

The disparity requires an effort to reach families in these communities with trusted voices, sound science, and accurate information. Trusted rural voices have banded together with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and COVID Collaborative to address the disparity and look for opportunities to speak directly with rural Americans about the vaccines.

Together with organizations like the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Cooperative Extension System, and others, we are standing together to encourage Americans who may still be questioning vaccines to seek out the latest accurate information about getting vaccinated. This work takes many forms.

A national PSA campaign, co-sponsored by the Ad Council and COVID Collaborative, brings the real stories of seven families in rural America directly impacted by COVID,

shining a light on their journeys from vaccine-hesitant to vaccinated. The PSAs drive viewers to an online resource hub - get-vaccineanswers.org - for straight talk and fact-based information on COVID vaccines.

A wide range of factors impacts individuals' decisions to get educated and to get vaccinated. According to Ad Council research last year, large groups of rural Americans who remain undecided about vaccination continue to have concerns about long-term side effects of the vaccines (73.7%) and doubts about the efficacy of vaccination (69.6%) due to new breakthrough cases.

Families, faith, and the fabric and connections across local communities themselves will play a key role in this ongoing effort to overcome vaccine hesitancy.

The NRHA is also working alongside COVID Collaborative to disseminate a communication toolkit to its network of members, partners, and providers. We want to equip rural employers, small business owners, and other trusted voices with conversation starters, data, and vaccine facts to improve access to vaccines and to help overcome the hesitancy in rural America.

A nationwide response CDC study finds:

Boosters are effective against COVID-19

The January 28 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) affirmed the value of COVID-19 booster doses in preventing infections and deaths from COVID-19.

The report states that during the periods of Delta and Omicron variant emergence, COVID-19 vaccination protected against both variants. Even though COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness decreased with

the emergence of the Delta variant and vaccine-induced immunity waned, protection against hospitalization and death has remained high.

Unvaccinated adults had a five times higher risk of infection compared with adults who were fully vaccinated with a booster.

Alabama was included in the 25 jurisdictions that participated in the research: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado,

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, January 25, 2022, and Monday, January 31, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Jan. 25 — Unsecured door reported at 221 Davis St E (2:01 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 — contact made and a verbal warning was issued (2:07 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 429 Plant Ave (7:14 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 322 Simmons St (9:25 a.m.); Civil complaint reported on Simmons St — an arrest was made (10:17 a.m.); Unsecured door reported on Davis St E (12:17 p.m.); Fire reported at 563 County Rd 501 (4:43 p.m.); Harassment reported at 610 Mullins Circle (5:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Reynolds Ave (7:04 p.m.); Suspicious person in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Reynolds Ave (7:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Davis St E (9:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Davis St E (9:28 p.m.); There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning, one verbal warning, and one advice given.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (3:19 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1113 Caroline St (3:20 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 100 Beaver Dam St, C2 (10:09 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (6:33 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Larkin Rd (8:21 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Beaver Dam St (12:17 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (10:21

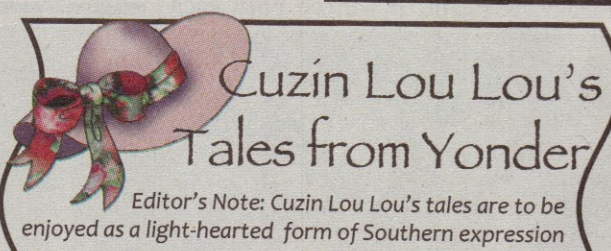
p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

Friday, Jan. 28 — Suspicious circumstances reported at 1495 Reese Ave (1:00 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 52, Kingston — an arrest was made (4:37 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported to Elba Police — an arrest was made (5:32 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Lindsey St (1:06 a.m.); Intoxicated driver reported on Ann St — an investigative stop was made (3:59 p.m.); Unsecured door reported at 381 Tiger Dr (9:04 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 834 Washington Ave — assistance rendered (10:13 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, and one written warning.

Saturday, Jan. 29 — Criminal mischief reported at 827 Washington Ave (8:49 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (11:49 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 745 Lee St — an arrest was made (1:18 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Ann St (4:17 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (4:50 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (9:35 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Sunday, Jan. 30 — Traffic accident reported on Hwy 189 (12:36 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 203 (11:32 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1232 Ann St (8:29 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in three citations issued, and one no action taken.

Monday, Jan. 31 — Disturbance reported at 316 Simmons St (9:37 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 429 Plant Ave (7:48 a.m.).



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou celebrated her birthday this week, and Sister treated her to an overnight getaway last weekend. It was a much-needed break from reality for Lou Lou and Sister with lots of fun for the two.

Of course, any time Lou Lou and Sister hit the road, there is bound to be a tale to be told from the adventure!

Upon arrival at the resort-type accommodation, Sister sent Lou Lou in to handle the check-in process. The actual reservation was in Lou Lou's name because she used her online booking account to secure the facility; however, Sister was paying for the stay as part of Lou Lou's birthday present.

Lou Lou decided Sister sent her in to handle check-in to allow her to stay warm in the vehicle since it was freezing outside that evening...and windy too! Joke was on Sister though!

Check-in was going great until Lou Lou realized the clerk would need to see Sister's identification to go along with her payment method. So, off Lou Lou ventured back into the freezing temps to let Sister know she would have to come inside despite her attempt to remain in the vehicle.

After check-in was complete, the two head back to the vehicle, and Lou Lou tells Sister they will need to grab their bags and let the valet take the vehicle for parking. Sister almost stopped traffic when Lou Lou told her that.

"Ummmm...while you were inside the valet person came to my window and asked if we needed any help, and I told her no we were just checking in," Sister said. "Oops!"

While chuckling at Sister's embarrassment, Sister said, "Well, you are just going to have to tell her we need that help now because valet parking is provided for the hotel guests."

As the two exited the building and began walking towards the vehicle, the super-nice valet approached them once again, and politely asked, "Are you ready for some help now?"

Lou Lou could not help but laugh out loud at Sister for that one!

Other than when the check-in clerk asked the Yonder siblings their choice of scents for the bath products provided — something coconut, citrus or jasmine, Sister did better the remainder of the trip! Actually, the bath product scent threw Lou Lou off momentarily too, but she recovered quickly and picked jasmine...it turned out to be a great choice!

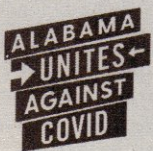
You can take the girls out of Yonder, but you can't take the Yonder out of the girls!!

Lou Lou thanked Sister for the short getaway, and they both agreed on doing it again sooner rather than later. It was a trip filled with fun and laughter, and that is always good for the soul! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

MARGARETTE LEWIS

Mrs. Margarette Lewis, age 91, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at her daughter's home in Elba.



Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at Westside Baptist Church with her son, Stan Lewis, officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Lewis Jr.; by her parents, Murphy and Dain Maulden; along with siblings, Wayne Maulden, Pauline Hasty, and Carol Gavin; and by her son-in-law, George Farris.

Survivors include her daughters: Kay Farris, Elba, and Jama (Steve) Walker, Brantley, Ala.; sons: Stan (Marcia) Lewis, Mobile, Ala., and Mike (Susan) Lewis, Luverne, Ala.; granddaughters: Brandee Abramson, Woodstock, Ga., Tiffany Bryan, Andalusia, Ala., Amy Douglas, Spanish Fort, Ala., Brittany Green, Brantley, and Adison Lewis, Luverne; grandsons: Stephen Walker, Brantley, Luke Lewis, Houston, Texas, and Jake Lewis, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; a brother: Fox Maulden, The Villages, Fla.; sisters: Frances Evans, Orlando, Fla., Evelyn Milam, Casselberry, Fla., Jesse Lewis, Elba, and Jo Ann Reeves, Babson Park, Fla.; along with nine great-grandchildren.

RONALD DURWOOD STINSON

Mr. Ronald Durwood Stinson, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Phillip Hurst officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his daughters: Tracy (Bryan) Miller, and Tawny Heath, both of Elba; sons: Ronald Jeffery Stinson, Alanson, Mich., David Stinson, and Derek (Delsie) Stinson, both of Elba; sister: Janice Floyd, Ocoee, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

TERRY KELLEY FUGIT

Ms. Terry Kelley Fugit, age 63, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, at her home.



Graveside services were held Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Ken Wilson officiating.

Terry was preceded in death by her son, Phillip Allen Fugit; and her father, George Windell Kelley.

Survivors include her mother: Betty Kelley, a brother: Mark (Kellie) Kelley, and a sister: Judy K. Simmons, all of Elba; two grandsons: Phillip Jaxon Fugit, and Jay Hensley, both of Enterprise; and a niece: Shannon Anderson, Troy, Ala.

IRIS ANNETTE MILES

Ms. Iris Annette Miles, age 88, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at her home.



Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery beginning at 2 p.m., with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mae and James Roscoe Bass; along with siblings, Dorothy Barley, Donald Bass, and Dole Bass.

She is survived by her daughters: Teresa Miles, and Anita Miles Rodgers, both of New Brockton; granddaughter: Heather Rodgers, New Brockton; grandsons: Tomothy Rodgers, Enterprise, Ala., and Stephen Rodgers, New Brockton; and brothers: Harold Bass, Enterprise, and Ronnie Bass, Brundidge, Ala.

DREXEL RANDOLPH KELLEY

Mr. Drexel Randolph Kelley, age 82, a resident of Panama City Beach, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at Gulf Regional Medical Center in Panama City, Fla.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Kenneth Hagler and his grandson Will Ramey officiating. Burial services followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include a wife: Rachel Shirlee Kelley, Panama City Beach, Fla.; daughters: Phyllis (David) Sasser, Elba, Ala., Kathleen (Jeff) Harden, Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Pam (Eric) Ramey, Springville, Ala., and Susan Parrish, Trussville, Ala., along with grandchildren: Jennifer Martin, Stephanie Tucker, Matt Downing, Elizabeth Fessler, Will Ramey, Autumn Skye Winters, Jackson Harden, and Ava Rayne Lewis; brothers: Travis Kelley and Jimmy Kelley, both of Lynn Haven, Fla., Bill Kelley, Elba, and Samuel Jerome Kelley, Montgomery, Ala.; step-daughters: Virginia Rena Kennedy, Jackson, Tenn., Sunday Michelle (Lee) Kennedy, Ramer,

Tenn., and Kathy Nicole Price, Millville, Tenn.; step-son: James Clifford Price, Panama City Beach; and a step granddaughter: Maggie Bolin, of Millville.

REBECCA SUE "BECKY" MORROW

Mrs. Rebecca Sue "Becky" Morrow, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at her residence.



Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Min. Steve Reneau officiating. Burial services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

Becky was a long-time member of the Elba United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard & Ethel Waller; husband, Donnie Morrow; and brother, Dwayne Waller.

Survivors include her daughters: Karen (Brett) Davis, Elba, and Donna (Jud) Corley, Enterprise, Ala.; son: Joe Morrow, Gainesville, Ga.; brothers: Leslie (Billie) Waller, Lake City, Fla., and Jerry (Ginny) Waller, Foley, Ala.; along with nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



EXHIBIT

Earth in the classroom, tour the traveling Smithsonian exhibit at the Elba Theatre, and walk to the WPA levee in Elba. Instructors will be Dr. Jim Brown, Ph.D., retired historian (Samford University), and Dr. Bill Deutsch, Ph.D., retired aquatic biologist (Auburn University).

Teacher benefits include a \$100 stipend, 5 CEU credits, lunch, tour of Water Ways, and copy of Dr. Deutsch's book, Alabama Rivers.

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Healing Projects to Help You Cope with Grief

Different people cope with grief in different ways. One way you might consider channeling your bereaved emotions is through a hands-on project, something that lets you turn your negative feelings into something concrete and beautiful. A project can be immensely therapeutic, and it can help you effectively manage stress and anxiety.

There are many different projects you could take on. One common example is to plant a tree. Devote a warm Saturday morning to digging a hole and planting your sapling; devote this new life to the memory of your deceased loved one.

Creative expression can also be invaluable. Maybe this means writing a poem to honor your loved one. Maybe it means composing a song. Or maybe it means painting, drawing, or sculpting. There's no wrong answer here. The important thing is to find something that sounds fun and therapeutic to you.

Another option is to create a memory box. In it, you can place photos and mementos to help you keep your loved one's spirit near and dear. Memory boxes can be great places to store cremated remains and cremation keepsakes, too.

Note that some of these projects can be taken on solo, but others may be good group activities—allowing you and your family members to process grief together. The memory box idea can be a good one to do with kids, allowing them a tactile and creative way to remember their deceased loved one.

These projects can all be helpful for improving your mental and emotional health, and for giving you a constructive outlet for grief. Start thinking about a project you'd like to take on as you navigate this healing journey.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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shareholders. There are no financing conditions associated with the definitive merger agreement.

Once closing is completed, it is anticipated that VR Holdings will continue to leverage the existing operations and infrastructure of NSG's wholly owned property and casualty and life insurance subsidiaries. NSG's current chief financial officer, Brian McLeod, will serve as chief operating officer of the company's insurance subsidiaries and will also serve as VR Holdings' chief financial officer.

NSG leaders said the company remains fully committed to its policyholders and its independent agent partners and expects no immediate changes in its day-to-day business operations. Upon completion of the transaction, NSG will become a private company with the flexibility and capital to accelerate its next stage of growth.

McLeod will work closely with the management team including Ross Aron, CEO of VR Holdings, and the investor group to continue the company's expansion.

VR Holdings has been formed to serve as the holding company for NSG and potentially other insurance and financial services businesses.

In connection with the proposed transaction, The National Security Group Inc. will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a proxy statement on Schedule 14A and may file or furnish other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction.

About Vivek Ranadivé

Ranadivé has been the Founder and managing director of Bow Capital Management LLC and its affiliated funds since 2016 and chairman, chief execu-

tive officer and governor of the Sacramento Kings since 2013.

He founded his first company, Teknekron Software Systems Inc. ("Teknekron"), in 1986 to develop and apply software to financial trading floors. After selling Teknekron to Reuters PLC in 1994, he then went on to found and spin-out TIBCO as a separate company in 1997. TIBCO completed its initial public offering in 1999 and was subsequently sold to Vista Equity Partners in 2014 for \$4.3 billion.

As chairman and chief executive officer, Ranadivé built TIBCO into a leading provider of middleware software that became the central data nervous system for many of the world's largest companies and government agencies.

Ranadivé became involved in NBA basketball first as vice chairman of the Golden State Warriors.

Ranadivé holds a B.S. and M.A. degree in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from Harvard Business School where he graduated as a Baker Scholar.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, The National Security Group, Inc. will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a proxy statement on Schedule 14A and may file or furnish other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This material is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other document which NSG may file with the SEC. INVESTORS IN AND SHAREHOLDERS OF NSG ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR FURNISHED OR WILL BE FILED OR WILL BE FURNISHED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY (IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE) BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and shareholders may obtain a free copy of these documents (when they are filed and become available) free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. NSG also will provide a copy of these materials without charge on its website at www.nationalsecuritygroup.com.

POPE

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Pope was nominated for the Bryant-Jordan Foundation Achievement Award by Elba teacher/coach Al Gilmore. In his nomination letter, he wrote, "she is an enthusiastic student; however, it was her work ethic, desire for knowledge, and undeniable focus that were her most notable characteristics during her time in my classroom at Elba. Callie Pope has become a true asset to not only Elba High School, but to the community of Elba as well."

In being named the Regional Achievement Award winner, Pope will receive \$3,000 in scholarship monies from the Bryant-Jordan program, and there could be more monies to come. Next, she will be entered in the overall competition for the state's Class 2A Achievement Award winner [she will be the Region 2 representative]. Should she be chosen as the overall Class 2A winner, she would receive additional scholarship monies.

The Bryant-Jordan Foundation Program selection committee will meet in March. The overall winners will be announced April 11th during an awards banquet held at the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom in Birmingham, Ala.

Callie Pope is the daughter of Aaron Pope and Martha Pope.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
Elba First Assembly of God Church

The continuity of the two makes one think that the day must have it all together. Too bad that we can't have that continuity and consistency ourselves. Sometimes we wake up feeling pretty good about our plans for the day, only to go to bed that night with our plans unfulfilled, shot to pieces by some unexpected event. Let's face it: Forrest Gump had it right. "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." So what do we do to get and keep our footing in this uncertain, unstable life?

We need an anchor. Unexpected waves can push us into some deep, dangerous waters. Sudden windstorms can blow us far from the course we had meant to take. A good, strong anchor can keep us tethered to a place that is secure; a place where we need to be. The Christians to whom the book of Hebrews was written had been weakened by a strong spiritual storm. They were discouraged, and thinking of changing course. They were questioning the reality and relevance of Jesus as their Savior and Messiah. They were considering reversing course altogether and going back to where they had been. In this context, the writer of Hebrews stated "God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls." (Hebrews 6:18,19a)

So, there it is. The strong, stable, and certain hope that we have in the promises and faithfulness of God is the anchor that keeps us on course. Storms will come. Winds will blow. Blindsides happen. But we can weather them all if we have our anchor. Got yours?

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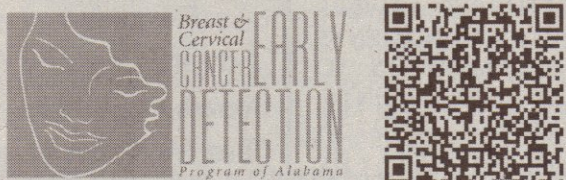
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County health departments do not have free face masks to distribute

County health departments in Alabama do not have free face masks to distribute to the public.

According to information provided to the news media by the federal government, retail pharmacies that are part of the federal COVID-19 vaccine program and community health centers nationwide will be sent masks.

On January 18, the Biden Administration announced that the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for

Preparedness and Response (ASPR) will make more than 400 million NIOSH-approved N95 masks from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) available to the American people for free.

When more information is known, the Alabama Department of Public Health will post announcements at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/index.html> and through the news media.

Elba Senior Center will assist those applying for Senior FMNP vouchers

There are two components to the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs), the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FMNP, WFMNP and the Senior FMNP, SFMNP.

FMNPs provide a direct tie between production agriculture and nutrition by providing seniors and nutritionally at risk women and children the opportunity to buy fresh local produce directly from farmers.

Goals of the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs):

1) To provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers markets and roadside stands to low-income seniors and nutritionally at risk women and children.

2) To increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of farmers markets, roadside stands.

3) To develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers markets, roadside stands.

The Senior FMNP is administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, Farmers Market Authority Section to provide coupons to low-income seniors that are 60 years of age or older that can be

used to purchase eligible foods (fruits, vegetables, honey, and fresh-cut herbs) from farmers that grow them and are selling them directly to you at local farmers markets and roadside stands.

If interested in applying for the SFMNP vouchers, complete and submit an application on the website. If approved, participant will receive vouchers by mail to be used at Farmers Market Authority (FMA) approved markets and roadside stands. The coupons/vouchers must be expended by November 15 of the calendar year received.

Anyone needing assistance in applying for the SFMNP vouchers should contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Citizens Center director, at (334) 897-3019.

NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at (334) 897-3019.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The beginning of Knowledge [Proverbs 1:1-7]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Emanuel Stalworth, Bernice Culver, Shirley Coleman, Barbara M. Stephen, Michael Manning, Rita Gray, Brandon D. Kelley, Joshua Kelley

February Birthdays

Brittney Caldwell 2/26
Jovon Smedley 2/27
Alonzo "Flake" Cole 2/27
Tarlisa Warren 2/28
Shawn Abbott 2/28

Celebrating Black History Month giving honor to distinguished history makers during the month of February:

Beginning this week with the prestigious Lewis Latimer (9/4/1848 - 12/11/1928)

Remember the name Lewis Latimer whenever you use an electric light. Born in 1848 in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Lewis was the youngest of four children. His parents, George and Rebecca, were escaped slaves from Virginia who had run away to gain their freedom. They finally settled in Boston, but their owner came to bring them back to his plantation in Virginia. Local abolitionists raised funds to pay for their freedom, which became a famous case related to the abolition of slavery. Latimer served in the Union Navy during the Civil War, and in the rank of Landsman, he did unskilled labor aboard the ship. After gaining an honorable discharge, Latimer was employed as an office worker with the patent law firm Crosby, Halstead, and Gould. This job would only earn him \$3.00 a week. Soon he learned how to use a set square, ruler, and other tools, which helped him gain a foundation in draftsmanship. When his

employer discovered his penchant for sketch drawings, he made Latimer the head draftsman, giving him a weekly salary of \$20.00. Soon after this, Latimer married Mary Wilson Lewis from Providence, Rhode Island. Eventually, instead of just drawing other people's inventions, Latimer began his own inventions. In 1874, he invented improved toilets for railroad cars...

*** If God wills it: the conclusion of this article on Lewis Latimer will be her in next week's edition of The Elba Clipper [2/10/2022]*

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 2/3/2022

True or False
Q: A woman with a bleeding problem touched Jesus' clothing to be healed.

A: True [Matthew 9:20]

Q: When Jesus walked on the water, the disciples shouted in delight.

A: False [Matthew 14:16]

Q: God "shed abroad in our hearts" His love "by the Holy Ghost"

A: True [Romans 5:5]

Thought to Remember

The tongue must be controlled

Questions for the Week of 2/10/22

True or False

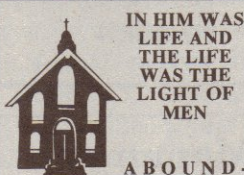
Q: Ananias and Sapphira were struck dead for not giving everything they had received for the sale of their property.

Q: Followers of Jesus should be surprised if the world hates them.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN
ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHLE AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal"... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Philip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Interim Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
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A. R. Williams, Pastor
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ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JIMMY DAVIS, DECEASED.
CASE NO: PC-21-031

NOTICE TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jimmy Ray Davis as Petitioner, respectively, of the Estate of Jimmy Davis, Deceased, who departed this life on the 10th day of April, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that Jimmy Ray Davis, Personal Representative of said Estate, is now seeking a release and discharge and/or official settlement of the Estate, and said request for settlement/discharge is set for the requested to be discharged hearing, as follows: To be set for consideration on a day certain.

Notice is hereby given that said hearing on the discharge of said Personal Representative is scheduled for 22nd day of February, 2022.

/s/ Jimmy Ray Davis, esignature

Jimmy Ray Davis, Petitioner of the Estate of Jimmy Davis, Deceased

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF BETTY SUE JONES, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2021-100

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of January 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 25th day of January 2022.

/s/ Renee Hussey

Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HORACE DEWAYNE TURNER, (Summary Distribution)

CASE NO. PC-2022-003

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama on the 27th day of January, 2022, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent.

WITNESS my hand and seal this the 27th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Jodee Thompson

Jodee Thompson

Probate Judge

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BC/BS of Alabama making available \$250,000 to schools statewide with the “Be Healthy School Grant” program

In an ongoing commitment to help prevent childhood obesity, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is continues its Be Healthy School Grant Program.

For the 2022 -2023 school year, Blue Cross will make available \$250,000 and award grants up to \$10,000 to 25 schools across the state that enroll students in grades K through eighth.

Since 2012, Blue Cross has awarded more than \$2.3 million in 227 Be Healthy School Grants statewide

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Troy University announces scholarship for transfer students

Students looking to transfer to Troy University from other colleges or universities may be eligible for thousands of dollars in scholarships thanks to a revamped transfer scholarship program.

Previously, TROY offered a pair of scholarships to transfer students—\$2,000 a year for two years to on-campus students and \$1,500 a year for two years to online students, with both scholarships requiring a 3.0 grade point average.

Now, TROY will offer a range of scholarships for both online and in-class

announced Monday that its vaccine has full Food and Drug Administration approval for adults age 18 and older. The Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine can be given in some situations.

For more information about booster shots and when they should be received, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html> To locate a vaccination site near you, visit <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/>. The study can be viewed at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7104e2.htm>.

impacting over 119,000 students.

“We continue to see firsthand excellent results in schools across our state that are benefiting from the Be Healthy School Grant Program,” says Tim King, Community Relations Manager, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. “We are proud to make this investment in Alabama’s children in an ongoing effort to help them lead the healthiest lives possible, now and long-term.”

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Troy University announces scholarship for transfer students

transfer students at varying GPA levels, giving access to a broader range of students and rewarding high-achieving transfers with larger scholarships—including \$4,000 a year for two-years for students with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

“At Troy University, we value our transfer students and want to make their transition from other colleges to TROY as smooth as possible,” said Korrie Lynn Williamson, Assistant Director of Enrollment Services.

“After working with transfer students from across the state, I quickly noticed

the need to reward them for outstanding academic achievement.”

The new scholarships are open to transfer students starting classes in Fall or Term 1 2022. The full slate of scholarships available to transfer students now includes:

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has settled back in at our house every afternoon since softball practice has started and after a weekend visit to the grocery store will get his wish and start getting a bowl of macaroni and cheese every afternoon as an afternoon snack. I'll admit he is just a little spoiled, especially when it comes to his eating habits, but hey, that is what grandparents are for!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers had the same goal** as every other high school basketball team in the state back when the season started and that was to win a state championship. A more achievable goal after back-to-back two win seasons was to reach double digits in wins, and while that goal may be out of reach, they picked up a much needed win Friday night over in Dothan over AHSAA newcomer Northside Methodist. Elba didn't exactly light up the scoreboard in the win, but did enough to get it done and played hard in all four quarters. Coach Kelsey Prestwood and his team have made strides toward returning Elba Tiger basketball into a winner, and who knows what surprises they may still have up their sleeves.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers won two of three games** last week to improve their record to 12-11 and after an early-week upset loss to Ariton proved once again to never count them out. The Elba girls aren't blessed with talent and strike fear in no opponent, but play hard for all four quarters in every game they play and are never out of a game no matter what the scoreboard may read. If the Lady Tigers close the regular season with a run they might just be a team to keep an eye on when the post-season party gets started.

*** **The regular season will end this week** in basketball and after three months of practice and games it looks like area fans should have a pretty good idea of what the post-season will bring. On the boys' side of the court, I think three area teams have a solid chance at moving on with Brantley, Zion Chapel and Kinston all playing well at just the right time. Over with the girls, Kinston has an outside shot at pulling off an upset, as does Brantley, but none of the teams in the area will be favored to punch their tickets past area tournaments.

*** **Don't get me wrong**, I really like Auburn basketball coach Bruce Pearl and have even watched a couple of games this season on the tube, but it looks like the debacles involving former football head coaches Tommy Tuberville, Gene Chizik and Gus Malzahn would have taught the powers to be up on the 'plains' to not get overly excited every time a coach has a good season in a sport or has his name mentioned by another college. Auburn reached the top of the college polls last week for the first time ever in basketball after upping its record to 18-1 and at the same time rumors insisted that Pearl was interested in the very attractive vacant head job at Louisville. So what does Auburn do? In just a matter of days Auburn declares it has signed the popular head coach 'for life' and has given him a new eight-year contract worth \$45.2 million. The new contract will give Pearl \$5.4 million a year with a \$250,000 annual raise, which means in the final year of the contract he will make a cool \$7.15 million for coaching basketball at new college basketball power Auburn University. Pearl was hired back in 2014 while still in the NCAA doghouse concerning recruiting violations while the head coach at Tennessee, and during his tenure at Auburn has led the Tigers to a record of 157-93, with a 67-67 record in the SEC, which is not exactly the nation's top basketball conference. Just last season Auburn served a self-imposed post-season ban after a 2017 FBI scandal linked a former Auburn assistant coach to improper recruiting practices, but this season with four transfers and one freshman sensation the Tigers are atop the college basketball world and the powers to be are all excited again, and have mortgaged the farm again, to keep their coach happy, and at home. I hope it all works out and Pearl leads the Tigers to many more wins, but it seems like I have read this book before.

*** **In closing....** While the basketball season is winding down, the baseball and softball seasons are only weeks away and that means the student-athletes are hard at work. Here at Elba, Coach Glen Johnson and his baseball team have a veteran team coming back and believe a winning season is on the way, while Coach Melissa Mularz and her softball team return only one starter in the nine positions, and are looking to improve every time they take the field. Even basketball fans will admit the fresh air in baseball and softball makes it fun to watch. Okay fans, it is time to find your lawn chairs, clean 'em up and make sure they are ready to head out to the park to watch your favorite teams compete in the bright sun and fresh air. Oh yea, don't forget to let 'em hear you cheer.

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Tigers grab big road win

The Elba Tigers found themselves back in the winner's circle last week as they posted a hard fought 43-34 road win over the Northside Methodist Academy Knights, on Friday night, in Dothan.

Elba overcame a slow start to open up a 9-1 lead midway through the first quarter and appeared headed for an easy win, but Northside rallied to pull within 16-15 late in the second quarter to wake up its fans. A three-pointer by Chayse Peterson and a dunk by Chrystyle Caldwell sparked an 8-0 run to put the Tigers back up 24-15, and Elba carried the big lead in at intermission.

Northside came back out battling in the third quarter and closed to within 24-22 early in the stanza as the Tigers had a hard time finding their way to the goal. A free throw by Byron Burks with 4:32 left in the quarter snapped the long Elba scoring drought, and the Tigers regained command late when Chayse Peterson converted a three-point play to put Elba on top 30-24 heading into the final stanza.

Elba stretched its lead to 38-27 with 3:47 remaining in the fourth quarter on a spinning layup by Chrystyle Caldwell, only to see the Knights take advantage of Tiger turnovers to cut the lead to 38-33 with 1:52 still left on the clock. Northside kept it close until the final seconds, but when Caldwell tipped in a missed free throw with 41-seconds left the Tigers lead grew to 43-34, as the Tigers sealed the deal on the big road win.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 18 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Elba, while Chayse Peterson added 11 points. Also scoring for the Tigers were Byron Burks 6, JT Coleman 3, Jordan Marek 2, Zaydrian Daniels 2 and Trent Hamilton 1. Brayden Clements scored 12 points to lead the Knights.

Following are highlights of other Tiger action from last week:

Ariton 65 Elba 41

The Elba Tigers closed out a winless area run with a 65-41 road loss to the Ariton Purple Cats.

The Tigers held their own with the area champion Purple Cats for two quarters, but watched the 'Cats run away in the second half to hand Elba the



HEAR'EM CHEER.... Elba Tiger cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about last week as the three basketball teams combined for five wins on a busy week on the court.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

lopsided loss.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 16 points and JT Coleman added 10 points to lead the Tigers, while also scoring were Byron Burks 5, Jordan Marek 4, Cody Gray 3, and Zaydrian Daniels 3. Isaiah Johnson scored 28 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Ian Senn scored 9 points and handed out 13 assists to lead Ariton.

Kinston 50 Elba 43

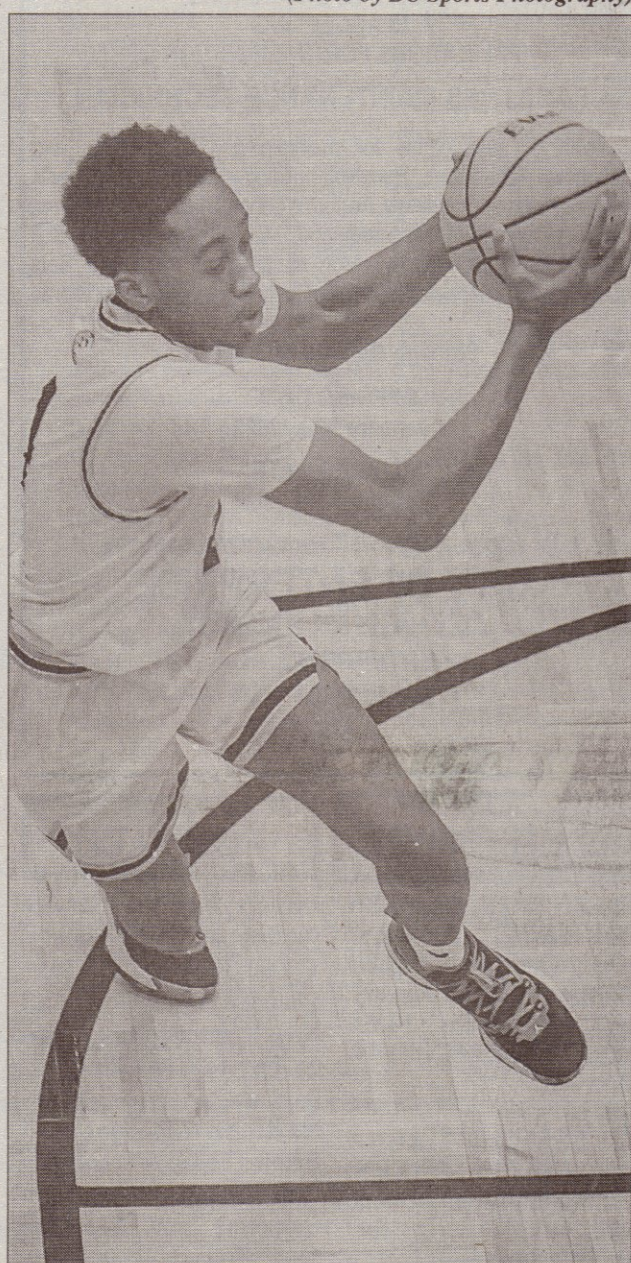
The Elba Tigers saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in a 50-43 loss to the Kinston Bulldogs.

Elba managed only two field goals in the first quarter to fall behind 12-5 early, but Chrystyle Caldwell and Byron Burks combined for six points in the second quarter as the Tigers began to creep back in the hunt and pulled within 20-14 at the half.

Blake Senn and Owen Patterson combined for nine points in the third quarter as the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 35-23. However, Elba staged a rally in the fourth quarter and pulled within one point before Kinston regained control and held on to hand the Tigers the 50-43 defeat.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 12 points and Jordan Marek added 11 to lead Elba, while JT Coleman added 7, Byron Burks 6, Chayse Peterson 4 and Zaydrian Daniels 3.

Blake Senn scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Cale Sumblin and Owen Patterson both added 10 points, Reece Hall 8, Tripp Hawthorne 7 and Connor Tew 4.



Elba Tiger Chayse Peterson drives to the basket. Peterson scored 11 points last week in a big road win over Northside Methodist Academy.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Alex Wright invited to NFL Scouting Combine

UAB defensive end Alex Wright has been invited to participate in the 2022 NFL Scouting Combine, the league announced. The NFL Combine is scheduled to take place March 1-7 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Wright had a monster 2021 season on the edge with 45 total tackles, 8.5 TFL, 6.0 sacks, 12 quarterback hurries, three pass breakups and two forced fumbles. He was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 11 for his performance against Florida Atlantic. In addition, Wright was named Pro Football Focus (PFF) Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year and honored as a Second Team All-Conference USA selection.

In three years as a UAB Blazer, Wright recorded 90 tackles, 19.0 TFL, 11.5 sacks, five pass breakups, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 35 career games.

Wright is the third UAB player invited to the NFL Combine since the Blazers' return to action in 2017. Last season, defensive end Jordan Smith and wide receiver Austin Watkins Jr. received invitations, however the combine did not take place in-person due to COVID-19.

More information, including the schedule and television coverage, will be available soon. The 2022 NFL Draft is slated for April 28-30 in Las Vegas.

A native of Elba, Ala., Wright is a graduate of Elba High School where he played football for the Tigers. He also was a basketball standout for the Elba Tigers. He is the son of Aretha Wright of Elba.

High School

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Elba Tiger head basketball coach Shaun Hammonds watches action during a recent win.

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OUTDOORS



WEEKS BAGS 14-POINTER...Jase Weeks, age 9, dropped this 180-pound 14-point buck Wednesday, Jan. 26, while hunting with his pawpaw, Scott Weeks. Jase is the son of Anthony and Kaliegh Weeks of Kinston, Ala.

Improve record to 12-11

Lady Tigers win two of three in busy week

The Elba Lady Tigers had another busy week on the court and closed out the three-game set with a 37-31 road win over the Northside Methodist Academy Lady Knights, Friday night, in Dothan.

Northside Methodist came out ready to play and jumped out to an 8-3 lead midway through the first quarter. However, the Lady Tigers came roaring back and when Nina Williams nailed a long three-pointer with 2:36 left in the stanza Elba had pulled even at 8-8.

The Lady Knights regained the lead early in the second quarter and owned a 16-12 advantage with 1:39 left on the clock, but Elba again rallied and after two free throws by A'Lyric Whitfield and a three-pointer by Nina Williams carried a 17-16 lead in at the half.

Northside Methodist moved back on top 18-17 early in the third quarter, but Nina Williams and an aggressive Lady Tigers defense ignited a rally midway through the quarter as Elba opened up a 26-21 lead, and carried a 30-23 lead into the final stanza.

Northside Methodist refused to make it easy for the Lady Tigers and pulled within 33-31 late in the fourth quarter. However, Nina Williams connected on two free throws to push the lead to 35-31 with 1:04 remaining, and Elba held on to claim the 37-31 win.

Nina Williams scored 19 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 11 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Brooke Tinsley 4, Kendra Juarez 2 and Alayvia Stinson 1. Lelayna Grooms scored 15 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Lady Knights.

Following are highlights of the remained of the week's basketball action:

Ariton 35 Elba 34

The Elba Lady Tigers were upset on the road with a 35-34 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats.

Elba managed only one field goal and connected on only 4 of 10 free throws in the opening squarter as

Ariton jumped out to a 13-6 lead, but Nina Williams nailed a pair of three-pointers and scored eight points in the second quarter to spark a rally that put the Lady Tigers on top 18-17 at the half. The score was tied at 31-31 heading into the final stanza, and despite five points from A'Lyric Whitfield in the quarter, Ariton rallied late to upset Elba 35-34.

Nina Williams scored 13 points to lead Elba, while A'Lyric Whitfield and Kendra Juarez scored 8 points, apiece, and also scoring were Brooke Tinsley 2, Tajah Purvis 2 and Casey Williams 1. Nya Allen scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Ariton.

Elba 59 Kinston 45

The Elba Lady Tigers used a big third quarter to take command and never looked back to post a 59-45 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield and Kinston's Kelsi Cardwell lit up the scoreboard in the opening quarter, with Whitfield's 9 points helping the Lady Tigers grab a 13-11 lead, while Whitfield added 12 points in the second stanza as Elba carried a 29-24 lead in at the half. Kinston managed only one field goal in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers pushed their lead to 44-29, and while Cardwell scored 10 points in the fourth quarter it wasn't enough as Elba held on for the big road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored a season high 39 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Nina Williams 5, Kendra Juarez 4, Brooke Tinsley 2, Casey Williams 2, Tajah Purvis 2, Ny'Asia McCollough 2, Alayvia Stinson 2 and Makayla Moore 1.

Kelsi Cardwell scored 24 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Rachel Hall added 10, Lilli Sumblin 4, Sydney Danford 4, and Bailey Maddox 3.

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Elba Lady A'Lyric Whitfield (10) eyes the basket. Whitfield scored 39 points last week in a big win over Kinston.

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Zion Chapel Rebel Jacob Chestnut (0) dishes off a pass to a teammate in a recent win.

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ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS VARSITY:

G.W. Long 49 Zion Chapel 32

The Zion Chapel Rebels were forced to settle for a third place finish in the area standings after a 49-32 loss to G.W. Long. Zay Adair scored 9 points to lead the Rebels, while Kobie Stringer scored 19 points and Avery Roberts added 16.

New Brockton 59 Goshen 46

The New Brockton Gamecocks got back on track with a 59-46 win over the Goshen Eagles. Yassiah Rosseau scored 20 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Matt Smith added 12 points and 8 rebounds and Anthony Siler added 12 points and had 4 steals. Jayden Williams scored 10 points for the Eagles.

Floral 56 Kinston 44

The Kinston Bulldogs closed area play with a 56-44 loss to the Floral Wildcats. Tripp Hawthorne scored 13 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Owen Patterson and Reece Hall both added 11 points.

Zion Chapel 47 Kinston 41

The Zion Chapel Rebels had to battle for all four quarters to post a 47-41 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Brady Cobb scored 20 points and Chase Horstman added 10 to lead the Rebels, while Reece Hall scored 12 points and Cole Sumblin added 11 for the Bulldog.

VARSITY GIRLS:

G.W. Long 49 Zion Chapel 2

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels never had a chance in a 49-2 area loss to G.W. Long. Kaylen McAllister scored 2 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Ally Whitehead scored 11 points and Emma Claire Long added 10.

Floral 70 Kinston 44

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped a 70-44 decision to the Floral Lady Cats. Kelsi Cardwell poured in 42 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Kinston 38 Zion Chapel 31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs got back in the win column with a solid 38-31 victory over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Kelsi Cardwell scored 35 points and connected on 17 of 19 free throws to lead the Lady Bulldog, while Kaylen McAllister scored 12 points and Meri Cason Prescott added 10.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

Elba 42 Kinston 20

The Elba Tigers pulled away in the second half to cage the Kinston Bulldogs 42-20. The Tigers owned a slim 15-13 lead at the half, but used a 16-4 third quarter run to take command and ran away with the big win. Jacob Watkins scored 9 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Levi Mills 7, Cameron Gray 4, Brady Johnson 2, Brayden Johnson 2 and Trace Grantham 1. Colby Tew scored 11 to lead Kinston.

Elba 51 Ariton 46

The Elba Tigers broke loose in the second half to outscore the Ariton Purple Cats 51-46. The Tigers trailed 23-21 at the half, but used a 19-4 third quarter run to open up a 40-27 lead and never looked back to post the big road win. Jacob Watkins scored 16 points and Jamal Siler added 10 to lead the Tigers, while also scoring for Elba were Emmanuel Cooks 8, Levi Mills 8, Cameron Gray 7 and Dominic Griffin 2. Addison Senn scored 15 points on five three-pointers to lead Ariton.

Northside Methodist 36 Elba 35

The Elba Tigers saw a late rally fall short in a 36-35 loss to the Northside Methodist Academy Knights. Elba owned an 8-4 lead after one quarter, but saw the Knights carry a 19-18 lead in at the half and battled until the final buzzer, only to see a last-second shot bang off the front of the rim. Jacob Watkins scored 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cameron Gray 6, Jamal Siler 5, Emmanuel Cooks 4, Brayden Johnson 4, Trace Grantham 2, Jordan Hammonds 2 and Brady Johnson 1. Tyler Quintero scored 16 points to lead the Knights.

LIFESTYLES



LIONS CLUB SPEAKER...The Elba Lions Club hosted Emily Baker, recruiter for Enterprise State Community College, as the guest speaker for the club's Tuesday, Jan. 25, meeting. Those pictured above include (from left): Terry Calhoun, Elba Lions Club member; Kimberly Hornsby, Elba Lions Club member; Emily Baker, guest speaker; LC Cook, Elba Lions Club member, and Carlos Magwood, Elba Lions Club member.

To be a fundraiser for Elba High School football

Wrestling event coming to Elba in March

A fundraiser planned in March to benefit the Elba High School football program will bring live TNA Wrestling action to the Elba High School gymnasium.

On Friday, March 18, an in-school show will be held in conjunction with a drug prevention program at 2 p.m. for Elba High School and Elba Elementary School students. Admission to this program is only \$2.

At 7 p.m. that night, a community show will be held inside the high school gymnasium. This will include a five-match event filled with fun and family entertainment. There also will be a Battle Royal to end the evening.

Tickets will go on sale soon for the Friday night, March 18, event. Ticket prices will be: \$10 for general admission and \$20 for ringside seating [ringside seating will be limited].



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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION...The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a Pancake & Sausage Supper for the community Monday night, Jan. 31, at the Lodge, located on Larkin Road in Elba. During the event, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Pete and Lize Hayes thanking them for serving as judges during the organization's recent Chili Cookoff contest. The Hayes' operate the It Don't Matter restaurant in Highland Home, Ala. Those pictured above include (from left): Eddie Kelley, Corey Hayes, Pete Hayes, Wendell Black, and Harry Young. Monday night's community Pancake Supper was a success with approximately 60 people attending. The local Masons said they plan to host another Pancake Supper again since this one was such a success. They thanked all who came out to enjoy the food and fellowship.

RWCC to host sheriff, coroner candidates at next meeting

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway, Enterprise, Ala.

The group will hear from candidates for Sheriff - Scott Byrd and Dave Sutton; and Coroner - Robert Preachers and Arnold Woodham. Candidates will be given time to discuss their background and their platform, which will be followed by a Q&A session.

Za-Nyah Truitt of New Brockton among five University of Alabama students competing in Black Scholars Bowl

The University of Alabama, in partnership with the Black Faculty and Staff Association, will host the 2022 Dr. Trudier Harris Black Scholar Bowl, Sat. Feb. 5. Five students will compete for UA.

Deja Evans, Jonathan Kelly, Christine Thompson, Ta'Kyla Bates and Za-Nyah Truitt will represent the University. Colleges and universities throughout the state of Alabama will also compete for the annual title.

Federal student loan repayment postponed until May 1, 2022

Borrowers who were able to pause their federal student loan repayment will see their repayments postponed until May 1, according to KHEAA-Alabama.

The federal government had intended to have borrowers resume payments in February but decided to wait until May because of the spread of the omicron coronavirus variant.

KHEAA advises borrowers to make sure their loan

servicer has their current contact information. If you don't know who your loan servicer is, you can find it by logging into your account at studentaid.gov. The information will be under the "My Loan Servicers" section.

Your loan servicer can also help if you expect to have trouble restarting repayment of your loans. In that case, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible. They can help you find the repayment plan that best fits your finances and could reduce your monthly payment.

For more information about financial aid and college planning, visit www.alstudentaid.com.

ESCC to host job fairs on Feb. 10th

On Thursday, Feb. 10, job seekers will have the opportunity to meet with employers during two Career Fairs hosted by Enterprise State Community College and Southeast Alabama Works.

The first Career Fair will be held at ESCC from 9-11 a.m. in the Student Center MPR. Later, from 1-3 p.m. in the Aviation Technical Training Center (ATTC) on the Alabama Aviation College campus in Ozark, employers will be set up to meet with attendees. ESCC/AAC students and members of the community are invited to attend the event.

Community members and students interested in attending the career fair are encouraged to have copies of their updated resume ready to present to employers. Visitors do not need to register to attend, but masks are required while on campus.

There are still spaces available at both fairs for those interested in meeting with potential employees. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/escc22jobfair>. The last day for employers to register is Feb. 9.

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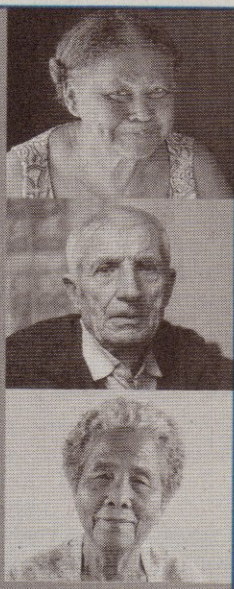


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